Setting up of Coast-Based Thermal Power Station at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh

666. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the site for setting up of the coast-based 2x500 MW Thermal Power Station near Krishnapatnam in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) to (c). The suitability of the proposed site for Krishnapatnam Thermal Power Station was considered by the Site Selection Committee. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) have opined that the site is located in the cyclone prone area. The Central Electricity Authority have suggested to the APSEB to examine the compatibility of the site keeping in view the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee and the expenditure involved for the following amenities:—

(i) The safety measures proposed to be adopted to meet any eventuality in the event of cyclones.

(ii) Broad gauge railway siding of 25 Kms length.

(iii) Supply of sweet water from Kandaleru reservoir through 50 Kms long pipeline of suitable capacity with stand-by arrangements for boiler make-up etc.

(iv) Development of port which according to M/s. RITES would involve high initial development and further maintenance due to flatness of sea bed.

No feasibility report for setting up the coast based 2x 500 MW Theremal Power Station near Krishnapatnam in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh is under consideration.

Comments of Gujarat Government on Dr. Kelkar Committee's recommendations on Gas Pricing

667. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have submitted any comments to the Central Government on Dr. Kelkar Committee's recommendations regarding gas pricing; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A final decision has not yet been taken on the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee on gas pricing.

Duty-free Shops at Airports

668. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to float global tenders to invite companies to run duty-free shops at airports in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) The International Airports Authority of India has plans to develop high quality duty free shopping arcades at Delhi and Bombay International Airports. The details are not yet finalised.